

CHAPTER 6
SECTION 9

HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT - TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-BASED PAYMENT SYSTEM (INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TMA)

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I. ISSUE

What information will be provided by TMA concerning the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system?

II. POLICY

A. Information provided by TMA. The following specific data, which is necessary to determine the payment amount under the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system, will be provided to the contractors by TMA. Updates to these data will be provided during September of each year.

1. DRG weighting factors.
2. Adjusted standardized amounts (urban and rural), including the labor-related and nonlabor-related portions.
3. Area wage indexes.
4. Outlier cutoffs for each DRG.
5. Children's hospital outlier cutoffs. As of October 1, 1998, payment for long-stay outliers has been eliminated for all neonates and children's hospitals and children's hospital outlier cutoffs are no longer provided.
6. Geometric mean length-of-stay for each DRG.
7. Per diem cost-share for beneficiaries other than dependents of active duty members.
8. Children's hospital differentials (national and hospital-specific).
9. The most current Medicare list of sole community hospitals.
10. The ratio of interns and residents to beds for those hospitals subject to the Medicare PPS, as listed in CMS's most recently available Provider Specific File.

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11. The IDME factors for all hospitals subject to the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system.

B. TMA will provide the contractors with corrected wage indexes when applicable.

C. Addendums. The addendums to this chapter lists these data.

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